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CIA director Bill Casey and arms control director Ken Adelman were standing together on the deck of the former presidential yacht Sequoia, when a guest on board accosted Ken. "Why all the talk that research in 'star wars' will only cause the Soviets to increase their arms buildup?" he was asked. "The Soviets know we never annex countries; we give back land, as in the Philippines and the Panama Canal. So why would 'star wars' scare them?" Said Mr. Adelman — it doesn't.

"If the Russians are so scared of us," he continued, "why do they keep 90 percent of their nuclear-armed submarines in port? Fifty percent of our submarines are at sea, and their 10 percent doesn't equal our 50 percent."

The two officials were attending a dinner given by the conservative lobby, Citizens for America. Host was CFA chairman Lew Lehrman, who lost to Mario Cuomo in New York's last gubernatorial race, but said he may try again in 1986. The Sequoia is permanently docked at Hains Point under National Park Service supervision and can be visited by tourists free of charge.